

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1256

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kay McDaniel for her contributions to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kay McDaniel, a highly respected member of her community who has dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, passionate about the game of tennis, Kay McDaniel has shared her love of the game with the children of Tennessee for the past thirty years, running a free tennis clinic every summer for 400 children, both boys and girls, from across six states; each year, a different Christian theme is used for the camp; and

WHEREAS, a three-time All-American tennis player at Louisiana State University, Ms. McDaniel played professional tennis in the early 1980s, making multiple appearances at the U.S. Open, the French Open, and Wimbledon; and

WHEREAS, ranked as high as Number 30 in singles play and Number 20 in doubles play, she received the Concord British Airways Award in 1986 for the "Fastest Serve in Women's Tennis" and played against such legendary players as Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, and Steffi Graf; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McDaniel is currently an assistant professor of Health and Exercise Science at Lee University in Cleveland and writes a weekly column for the *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* on topics ranging from tennis to religion; and

WHEREAS, she is the author of the book *Serving the Master*, which credits God for giving her the strength that helped her to live through two incurable diseases, systemic lupus and Addison's disease; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has been inducted into the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Tennessee and the USTA Southern Tennis Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Kay McDaniel epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge and applaud Kay McDaniel for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Kay McDaniel for her lifetime of contributions to her community and the State of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.